

ARHS Community Happenings Newsletter, May 24, 2024

Highlights from the week at Amity:

- We held the annual Underclass Awards Night on Thursday evening, and during the ceremony we honored 164 students in Grades 9-11 with a total of 209 different awards from the school's academic departments, local organizations, and colleges and universities throughout the region. Congratulations to all our winners!
- This has been a big week for Amity artists. Congratulations to Ben Green, the first Amity student to ever win the 3rd Congressional District Congressional Art Competition, for which his photo will hang in the US Capital Building for the next year, Sarah Ginsberg, who won Honorable Mention in the same competition, and Nora Cheng, the 2024 winner of the faculty-juried Amity Art Award!
- This has also been a big week for the Career and Technology Education department at Amity:
 - Congratulations to CTE teacher Ed Rostowsky, who has been honored as the ARHS Gold Pen Award recipient for this year. The Gold Pen is the most prestigious faculty-selected award we give out to teachers each year, and Mr. Rostowsky is the first CTE teacher to receive the award since 1999.
 - After months of design and building, the CTE department competed in its first-ever Alternative Energy Vehicle Race competition this week, placing 4th in the competition against much more seasoned teams from other Connecticut high schools.
- For an unprecedented third year in a row, *The Trident*, Amity's student newspaper, placed first in the national American Scholastic Press Association's annual contest for school newspapers for high schools of between 1,000 – 1,700 students. And in a first for our student-journalists, it was actually an award for "First Place with Special Merit."
- The 2024 edition of *Calliope*, the Amity art and literary magazine, has been published, and it is full of student short fiction, poetry, photography, and illustration. You can access an online copy of *Calliope* here: [AmityCalliope24](#)
- Final Exams: Please see the attached message for details about Final Exams Week, and good luck to all our students as they prepare for their finals!

Go Spartans!

Andre Hauser

Principal

Amity Happenings and Information

- **Amity Reads 2024:** *Amity Reads* is the district-wide summer reading initiative (formerly known as One Book, One Amity). This summer, as in years past, students and staff are asked to read a book, make a connection to one or more of the Portrait of the Graduate characteristics, and share those connections when we return to school. Students will be asked to complete a brief written response and students and staff alike will participate in conversations about their reading in Spartan Seminar. To learn more about the program, use this link to access the brief video: [Amity Reads Video 2024](#), or read the informational letter about the program here: [Amity Reads 2024 Letter](#).
- **Yearbook Distribution:** Yearbooks will be distributed to students who have already ordered and paid. If there are remaining yearbooks it will be first come first serve to any student who would like to purchase one for \$95 cash or check after June 5th.
 - **Senior Yearbook Distribution:** All seniors will attend a yearbook dedication ceremony on May 31st in the main gym after their UELP presentations. Those who ordered a yearbook should pick theirs up after the dedication in the main gym.
 - **Underclassmen Yearbook Distribution:** Underclassmen who ordered a yearbook may pick them up outside of the Brady Center the week of finals (6/3 – 6/7) in between and after finals before buses depart.
 - **Any remaining yearbooks** that are not picked up during these times can be picked up in the ARHS main office during the summer. For those unsure if they ordered a yearbook, they may stop by room 109 and check with Ms. Yancey or during the distribution time.
- **Summer Library Checkout:** Students may begin checking out books for the summer on Monday, June 3. Summer loans will not be due until school resumes in the fall. Please see the librarians with any questions or to get a book recommendation that's just right for you!
- **Health Office – Summer Updates:**
 - All medications need to be picked up on the student's last day of school (inhalers, EpiPens, and other uncontrolled substances can be sent home with students but controlled medications including Nayzilam, ADHD or anxiety meds, etc. need to be picked up by a parent)
 - New medication authorization forms will be needed for the 2024/2025 school year for those students' requiring medication
 - The 2024/2025 medication authorization forms can be found on the Nursing Department tab of the Amity website.
 - Physical exams performed over the Summer can be placed in the lockbox located in District Office

Senior Updates:

- **Senior Cafeteria Account Balances:** If you are a senior and you have a remaining cafeteria balance on your MyPaymentsPlus please contact Kelly Stoner at Kelly.stoner@amityregion5.org asking for a refund, and she will take care of that for you.
- **Saving Your Google and OneDrive Account Contents:** Did you know that once you graduate from Amity, your amityschools account (i.e., your Google Drive content) and your amityregion5 account (i.e., your Microsoft/OneDrive content) will be deleted? If you need any of your files from these accounts, you must copy/transfer them elsewhere. Please see the attached links for instructions on how to do this. Feel free to ask Mr. Clark or Mrs. Hulse for help if you need it!
 - [How to Copy Your Amityschools \(Google\) Content](#)
 - [How to Copy Your Amityregion5 \(OneDrive\) Content](#)

College and Career of the Week

[Rutgers University](#)'s (RU) main campus is located in New Brunswick, New Jersey, approximately 120 miles away from the BOWA area. Also known as the State University of New Jersey, RU has two additional campuses located in [Camden](#) and [Newark](#). Originally established in 1766, Rutgers is [one of only nine colleges](#) in the USA that was founded before the revolutionary war. Undergraduate students are offered [over 150 majors](#), within [29 schools and colleges](#). Popular majors include aerospace engineering, health sciences, design, supply chain management, pharmacy, and video production. Students are [encouraged to get involved](#) and choose from a multitude of [clubs](#), [recreational activities](#), and [cultural activities](#). There are [22 NCAA-D1 athletic teams](#) sponsored by the "Scarlet Knights" who compete in the [Big Ten Conference](#). [Annual tuition](#), fees and room & board for 2023-2024 (New Brunswick campus) is \$50,716 for out-of-state students. Learn more by visiting Rutgers' [admissions website](#), take an [online campus tour](#) or check out their [fast facts](#).

["Biostatisticians](#) apply mathematics, statistics, and data to biology" (careerexplorer.com). Biostatisticians (who work primarily in the healthcare industry) and [statisticians](#) collect, analyze, and summarize research data to reach conclusions. A masters degree is usually required to find an entry-level position as a biostatistician or [statistician](#) (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2023). The average annual salary for statisticians is \$104,860 with **much faster than average growth expected (30%) through 2032** (BLS, 2023). To learn more, please visit the following websites: the [American Statistical Association](#), the [International Statistical Institute](#) and the [Mathematical Association of America](#).

Some colleges that offer programs in biostatistics/statistics include:

Eastern CT State
Emmanuel College

Bentley University
Simmons University

Univ of Rhode Island
College of the Atlantic

Carnegie Mellon University
Rochester Inst of Tech
CUNY/Baruch
UNC/Chapel Hill

Regis College
University of Scranton
Duke University
University of Tampa

New York University
SUNY/Buffalo
University of Miami
University of Florida

or visit NAVIANCE to search for more choices!

Notes from the Counseling Department

- **Attention Seniors!** At this point, your 1st week's timesheet should be uploaded into Schoology. Your final UELP steps include uploading your 2nd week's timesheet by Wednesday, May 29th, and completing your final project for presentations on Friday, May 31st. All instructions can be found in your Schoology Course page. Remember, your goal is to reach 66 hours by the end of your internship. If you need to make up some hours, you can use Wednesday, May 29th to fulfill those hours. If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Cocco or Mrs. Vallie.
- **Summer Employment for Students:** The Camp Argo Day Camp in Orange is looking for Camp Counselors, ages 15-18, over the summer. This camp is an outdoor recreational day camp located in Orange. Camp Argo is 8 weeks long starting June 17th to August 9th. Help is needed with activities such as fishing, canoeing, archery, rope courses, arts and a wide range of sports. Applications for employment of volunteer work can be found [here](#). If interested, please see Mrs. Vallie in the Career Center.
- **Criminal Justice Camp:** Albertus Magnus College will be offering a one-day camp on Wednesday, June 26, 2024, from 9am to 12pm. This camp is open to rising juniors and seniors (2025 and 2026) interested in the Criminal Justice field. Sessions presented will include DNA Testing, Dept. of Corrections, K-9 Unit, Crime Scene Analysis, Bomb Squad and Fingerprint Examination. [Registrations](#) will come on a first come first serve basis and will cap at 175 people.
- **Green Sustainability Technical Education Program (Green STEP)**-Juniors and seniors are invited to participate in a virtual, paid training course offered by the Green Sustainability Technical Education Program. This Summer Energy Program sponsored by Eversource & United Illuminating and the CT Natural Gas & Southern CT Gas Company will run during the Spring break on Thursday, April 18, 2024, from 10AM – 3:30PM. Green STEP is open to all high schoolers. This program is paid-to-train, and students will earn \$16 per hour with a \$25 bonus upon successful completion of a certification exam. To sign up, please go [here](#). Please contact CT Green STEP Program Manager, Kiana Soloman, at kiana@earthforwardgroup.com with any questions.
- **JCC of Greater New Haven Needs Volunteers!** The JCC will be hosting Touch-A-Truck 2024 on Sunday, June 2nd from 10:30am – 2:30pm at the Beckerman/Lender Jewish Community Building, 360 Amity Road, Woodbridge. If you are interested, please contact Lindsay Barger at lbarger@jewishnewhaven.org. For more volunteer opportunities in the BOWA, please go to our [school website](#).

- **The First Annual Golf Tournament at the Orange Hills Country Club**, benefiting “Help Our People” needs volunteers on Sunday, June 25, 2024, at 7:30am. This will be an all-day event where a lot of students are needed to help make this event a success. If you are interested in volunteering, please email Kelly Wartars at kelly.wartars@gmail.com.
- **Ronald McDonald House of CT** is now accepting applications for the 2024-2025 Teen Board. RMH Teen Board is an opportunity for students to become involved in community leadership and experience the direct impact on families that need hope, healing, happiness, and growth, regardless of the obstacles placed before them. For more information and to apply for the Teen Board, please go to this [LINK](#) and go to the CT House Application button at the bottom of the page.
- **Learn in depth how Congress works!** The [SENATE PAGE PROGRAM](#) is offering a unique opportunity for high school juniors to learn in depth how Congress works. Page responsibilities largely consist of delivering correspondence, preparing the Senate chamber for sessions, and delivering bills and amendments to Senate staff. In addition to their work in the Senate, pages attend early morning classes in the fully accredited Page School. Pages live in the Senate Page Dormitory, located just a short walk away from the U.S. Capitol and are paid a small stipend. Deductions from the stipend are taken for taxes, a meal plan, and residence fees. The program takes place this Fall Semester: mid-August to early-January. All page [applications](#) are accepted on a rolling basis and must be received by July 30th at 8pm. Please email at Page_Progrma@murphy.senate.gov with the subject line “2024 Fall Page Application: Your name” or call (860)549-8463 with any questions.

Amity HS Athletics Booster Club

- Send us your Senior Night photos! 📷 Email to goamityspartans@gmail.com with a brief description to help us celebrate our senior athletes. We would like to recognize our Seniors and share to our social media.
- Join our team...we are currently looking for a fun loving team member to serve as our Vice President! Reach out to Carrie at goamityspartans@gmail.com today for more info.
- Visit our NEW Athletics Booster Club Sports Gear Store! Click the link to purchase your customized items today: <https://blanchettesportinggoods.chipply.com/ahsbooster/>
- Amity A decal stickers are back! Email goamityspartans@gmail.com to place your order. 2 sizes available...large for \$5 each (4” wide by 2.5” high) and small for \$3 each (3” wide by 2” high).

Parent-Teacher-Student Organization (PTSO) Information

- **Graduation Balloon Updates:**
 - **Please don't forget to order Graduation Balloon(s) for your senior by midnight tonight, May 24th!! No exceptions!** <https://amityptso.wufoo.com/forms/q1g9bs7k1f2ishc/> .
 - If you have received invoice(s) from the PTSO treasurer about payment for balloons ordered, please pay otherwise your senior will not receive their balloons. If you have questions regarding the invoice, please reach out to us at arhsptso@gmail.com ASAP.
 - We are still in need of volunteers to help inflate balloons. We have only had a handful of people sign up and in order to make this happen for our seniors, **we need volunteers!** Thank you to those who have already signed up to help. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0549A4AD22A0FD0-49293470-amity> **If you would like to help by cutting ribbon for the balloons at home, please reach out to us.**
 - Balloons will be handed out to the seniors on **June 3rd after graduation practice between 2:30 and 4:30**. Every senior will be receiving a balloon.
- **Senior Breakfast:** The annual Senior breakfast honoring our graduates will be on **Tuesday, June 4th at 8:30 in the cafeteria**. This is a fun event for our seniors, it is one of the last times they will be together as a class. Thank you to those families who have already donated either time, food or gift cards for the senior raffle. We are still in need of some more donations, please refer to the sign up genius: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0549A4AD22A0FD0-49721194-amity>

Community News:

- **Woodbridge Youth Services News:** Call 203-389-3429 or email npfund@woodbridgect.org for information or to sign up for programs.
 - *Sign up for Youth Services Notifications of our programs:* <https://www.woodbridgect.org/list.aspx>
 - *See Youth Services' Website:* <https://www.woodbridgect.org/160/Youth-Services>
 - *Follow us on Facebook:* <https://www.facebook.com/WoodbridgeYouthServices.CT>
- **Congratulations to Sophie Noujaim- Woodbridge First Selectman's Youth Award Winner:** Sophie received a commemorative clock from First Selectman Mica Cardozo and a certificate of appreciation for her dedication to the Woodbridge community. State Representative Mary Welander then presented Sophie with a state citation. Dwight Rowland, Beth-Wood Baseball President, awarded Ms. Noujaim's efforts with a check for \$200 from the league. The Woodbridge Youth Advisory Board reviewed four amazing submissions and chose Sophie as the

winner. Choosing one student was a difficult task due to the many contributions of all of the students. Other nominees are as follows: Ben Aviad, Benjamin Green, and Alex Klee. Congratulations to all of these outstanding young people.

- **Student Community Service Opportunities:**

- Family Game Night- Thursday, June 13th, 5:00 to 8:00 pm – 1 to 2 students needed to help with set-up, food, games, and cleanup.
- 7th Grade Picnic- Thursday, Aug. 22nd, 5:00 to 8:00 pm at Amity Middle School-Bethany- Mature students to set-up and monitor games, serve food, stamp hands, and clean-up.
- Woodbridge Conservation Trust Second Sundays: Need assistance clearing trails for few hours on a Sunday. Spend time outside with friends doing a service to your community.
- **Job Bank Seeks Woodbridge and Bethany Teens Who Want Paid Work:** The Job Bank guides teens ages 13-18 as they apply, interview, and earn money doing odd jobs for Woodbridge residents. Teens are needed now. Contact the Job Bank to schedule your interview. Jobs include snow shoveling, yard work, babysitting, housework, animal care, tutoring and tech assistance. Residents may call 203-389-3429 to hire a student.
- **Suicide Prevention Virtual Trainings- QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer)** – Sponsored by Alliance for Prevention and Wellness- June 12, July 10, August 14, and Sept. 11, 2024- 11 am to 12:30 pm via Zoom. Learn to detect warning signs and offer hope to help save a life. Registration link: **Click here to register!**
- Woodbridge Food Pantry- Please consider contributing any of the following items to our Food Pantry: Cereal, Canned Fruit, Peanut Butter, Coffee, Condiments, Jelly, Cooking Oil, Spices, Snack and Crackers.

Attached Files

[Final Exam Schedule 2024.pdf](#)

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